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ELECTION OF CLAIMS AND AMENDMENT

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TITLE: TOOL AND METHOD FOR PROTECTING WOOD DURING
WOODWORKING OPERATIONS

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Sir:

In response to the office action dated March 13, 2006, please amend the subject patent application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 17-23.

- 1 1. (Original) A tool comprising:
 - 2 at least one substantially flat portion including:
 - 3 at least one slot that opens to an edge of the substantially flat portion; and
 - 4 at least one hole.
- 1 2. (Original) The tool of claim 1 wherein the at least one slot is tapered.
- 1 3. (Original) The tool of claim 1 comprising a plurality of holes.
- 1 4. (Original) The tool of claim 3 wherein the plurality of holes include holes of different
2 sizes.
- 1 5. (Original) The tool of claim 1 further comprising a measurement scale near an edge of
2 the tool.
- 1 6. (Original) The tool of claim 1 further comprising at least one tapered edge.

1 7. (Original) A tool comprising:
2 a first substantially flat portion;
3 a second substantially flat portion lying in substantially the same plane as the first
4 portion; and
5 a connecting portion that connects the first and second portions, the connecting
6 portion extending above the plane of the first and second portions.

1 8. (Original) The tool of claim 7 wherein first portion comprises at least one slot that
2 opens to an edge of the first portion.

1 9. (Original) The tool of claim 8 wherein the first portion further comprises at least one
2 hole.

1 10. (Original) The tool of claim 8 wherein at least one slot is tapered.

1 11. (Original) The tool of claim 7 wherein second portion comprises at least one slot that
2 opens to an edge of the second portion.

1 12. (Original) The tool of claim 11 wherein the second portion further comprises at least
2 one hole.

1 13. (Original) The tool of claim 11 wherein at least one slot is tapered.

1 14. (Original) The tool of claim 11 further comprising a measurement scale near an edge
2 of the tool.

1 15. (Original) The tool of claim 11 further comprising at least one tapered edge.

1 16. (Original) A tool comprising:
2 a first substantially flat portion, the first portion including at least one tapered slot
3 and at least one hole;
4 a second substantially flat portion lying in substantially the same plane as the first
5 portion, and second portion including at least one tapered slot and at least one hole; and
6 a connecting portion that connects the first and second portions, the connecting
7 portion extending above the plane of the first and second portions;
8 a measurement scale near an edge of the tool;
9 at least one tapered edge;
10 wherein the first portion, second portion, and connecting portion are
11 monolithically formed from a substantially transparent plastic.

17-23 (Cancelled)

STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-23 were originally filed in this patent application. In response to the pending restriction requirement dated 3/13/06, applicant has cancelled claims 17-23. Claims 1-16 as originally filed are currently pending.

REMARKS

Restriction Requirement

Applicant hereby elects without traverse claims 1-16 for prosecution on the merits. Non-elected claims 17-23 have been cancelled herein.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if this would in any way advance the prosecution of this case.

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